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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Matthias Seufert Examiner:  
Serial No.: 10/807,981 Kennedy, Joshua T.  
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For: FASTENING SYSTEM FOR A PATIENT TABLE  
Attorney Docket No: 11371-21 Client Ref. No. 2002P12201US

TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop: Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Attached are:

- ☒ Transmittal Letter (in dup); Amendment and Response to Office Action of 12/16/2005 (9 pgs); Replacement Drawing; and
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

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- ☐ An extension fee in the amount of \$0 for a \_\_\_-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
- ☐ An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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
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- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ is enclosed.
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Respectfully submitted,

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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of December 16, 2005. The Claims begin on page 2, amendments to the Drawings begin on page 5 and the Remarks begin on page 6.